

REMARKS

This amendment is offered in response to the Office Action of April 20, 2004 and further to the amendment dated July 20, 2004.

At the outset, this supplemental amendment removes claim language added in the amendment dated July 20, 2004. Further, the following arguments supersede the arguments of the amendment of July 20, 2004.

The Office Action rejected Claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over the Bois reference (U.S. Patent No. 6,131,374) in view of the Ausnit reference (U.S. Patent No. 3,746,215). Similarly, the Office Action rejected Claim 15 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over the St. Phillips reference (U.S. Patent No. 5,964,532) in view of the Ausnit reference. The Office Action states that the Bois reference "lacks the use of a pouring spout". Similarly, the St. Phillips reference appears to have no disclosure of a spout while the Ausnit reference includes separate material that is attached to the fastener to form the spout, which is different from newly amended Claim 1 which recites "wherein said strips extend to form a membrane adapted for forming a pouring spout".

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the rejections of Claim 15 are overcome.

For all of the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to

withdraw the rejections of the claims, to allow the claims, and to pass this application to early issue.

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